

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-5, 9, and 10 have previously been canceled, and claims 6-8, 22 and 25 are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claims 11-21, 23, and 24 are presently pending, with claims 11 and 17 being independent.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 11-21, 23, and 24 in the Office Action of September 26, 2006.

Furthermore, in the Action, claim 7 is objected to and claims 6-8, 22, and 25 are rejected as being obvious. However, these claims have been canceled herein and the objection and rejection are now moot.

In view of the foregoing, the present application should now be in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (800) 445-3460.

A 1-month Petition for Extension of Time accompanies this Amendment, along with authorization to charge \$60.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0522 for the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account.

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